

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art made of record does not teach or fairly suggest the combination of elements as recited in the independent claims. Specifically the prior art does not teach "displaying the text extract and the implicitly derived past-user information to the user in association with the first web document in response to the interest signal."

The dependent claims being definite, further limiting and fully enabled by the specification are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Applicant confirms that the "storage device" of claims 71 and 72 is intended to describe a hardware storage device.

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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. David E.A. Jordan on 11/20/2008. Above is also included in Supplemental Amendment filed 11/20/2008. The Supplemental Amendment is included with this Office action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Etienne P. LeRoux whose telephone number is (571) 272-4022. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Apu Mofiz can be reached on (571) 272-4080. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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